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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION MARCH 19

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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT LUNCH MARCH 19, GERMAN PERMREP REPORTED ON MARCH 16 MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR VON STADEN, LEADING TO PERMREP DISCUSSION OF DECLARATIONS. ALSO DISCUSSED WERE POSSIBLE NAC MINISTERIALS IN APRIL AND JUNE AND NATO CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS IN THE CENTO AREA.
END SUMMARY

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ATLANTIC RELATIONS

1. DURING DRIVE TO PERMREPS LUNCH MARCH 19, FRG AMBASSADOR KRAPF TOLD ME HE INTENDED TO BRIEF ON AMBASSADOR VON STADEN'S

REPORT OF MARCH 16 MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND THE DECLARATIONS. HE REMARKED THAT IN A LONG DISCUSSION WITH BRANDT LATE LAST WEEK, BRANDT TOLD KRAPF THE FRG HAD MADE A DECISION THAT HENCEFORTH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO ENSURE THAT THE U.S. WAS CONSULTED BEFORE THE FRG TOOK DECISIONS IN THE EC-9. KRAPF THOUGHT THE OTHERS OF THE NINE EXCEPT FRANCE AGREED WITH THIS PROCEDURE.

2. AT LUNCH, KRAPF RELAYED VON STADEN'S REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT A PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO EUROPE DURING APRIL WAS RULED OUT. THE SECRETARY HAD INDICATED THERE WERE THREE OPTIONS FOR FUTURE WORK ON THE DECLARATIONS: (A) DROP THEM BOTH, (B) CONTINUE BOTH, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE MAJOR CHANGES IN THE U.S.--EC DECLARATION SINCE IT WAS NOT PRESENTLY ACCEPTABLE (THE NATO DECLARATION WAS COMING ALONG WELL BUT STILL HAD SOME OUTSTANDING ISSUES), (C) DROP THE DECLARATION OF THE NINE AND PROCEED WITH THE NATO DECLARATION, IN WHICH CASE THE U.S. WOULD WANT ITS LANGUAGE FOR PARAS 3 AND 5 AND SOME ADDITIONAL WORDING ON CONSULTATION.

3. KRAPF ADDED HE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE THE RECENT NIXON-BRANDT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE PERMREPS AND ALLIED GOVERNMENTS THAT WERE NOT ALREADY INFORMED.

4. KARPf WAS SPEAKING FROM MEMORY. HIS REPORT OF THE KISSINGER-VON STADEN CONVERSATION WAS THEREFORE ABBREVIATED BUT NOT INACCURATE. IT INCLUDED MORE SPECIFICS ON US VIEW OF PARAS. 3, 5 AND 10 OF NATO DECLARATION THAN DID US REPORT. HIS STATEMENT DID, OF COURSE, PROMPT A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, AND RATHER THAN RISK CONFUSION AND GARBLED REPORTS, I DREW UPON DEPARTMENT'S REPORT OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH VON STADEN.

5. CANADIAN PERMREP MENZIES SAID HE CONCLUDED FROM THE REPORT OF THE KISSINGER-VON STADEN MEETING THAT IT WAS IMMATERIAL TO THE U.S. WHETHER ENHANCED CONSULTATION WAS EMBODIED IN AND FLOWED FROM THE EC OR THE NATO DECLARATIONS. TURKISH PERMREP ERLAP AND NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR BUSCH SAID THEY WOULD PREFER
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ONE DECLARATION OF THE FIFTEEN, AND TO DROP THE EC DECLARATION.

6. FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE REMARKED THAT WHEN HE HEARD OF U.S. READINESS TO DROP BOTH DECLARATIONS, HE RECALLED THAT THE GENESIS FOR THEM WAS IN THE SECRETARY'S APRIL 23 SPEECH, NOT ANY EUROPEAN INITIATIVE. GOVERNMENTS MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ANY DECLARATIONS. A RELATED QUESTION WAS WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY MEANING IN A DECLARATION OF THE FIFTEEN THAT WAS NOT READY FOR THE ALLIANCE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL.

7. GREEK PERMREP CHORAFAS RESPONDED TO DE ROSE'S SECOND QUESTION THAT THE ORIGINAL IDEA WAS TO HAVE A DECLARATION READY LAST FALL; THERE WAS NO NECESSITY TO LINK IT TO THE ANNIVERSARY.

MENZIES NOTED THAT THE TREATY DID NOT COME INTO EFFECT UNTIL OCTOBER, 1949, AND OTHERS THOUGHT A SIGNING IN MAY, JUNE OR JULY WOULD BE PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE.

8. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT BEFORE HEARING THE VON STADEN REPORT HE HAD BEEN INCLINED TO URGE THAT WE PROCEED WITH THE DECLARATION OF THE FIFTEEN. AFTER HEARING THE DISCUSSION HE THOUGHT PERMREPS SHOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AND DISCUSS THE MATTER AGAIN AT LUNCH NEXT WEEK, NOT IN THE COUNCIL. DEPUTY SYG PANSÁ CONFIRMED THERE SHOULD BE A FURTHER DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK.

SPRING COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING (S)

9. DE ROSE CONTINUED THAT ANOTHER QUESTION WAS WHEN AND WHERE TO HOLD THE SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. PANSÁ NOTED THERE WOULD BE A MILITARY CELEBRATION ON APRIL 4 TO COMMEMORATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY, AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME PLANNING FOR A CIVILIAN CELEBRATION APRIL 25. EVEN THOUGH WE NOW KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE NO APRIL 25 MEETING AT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT IS NOT COMING, SYG LUNS BELIEVES NATO SHOULD STILL HAVE A MEETING THAT DAY, AND WANTED ALLIED VIEWS AS TO A POSSIBLE CELEBRATION ON APRIL 25 AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL IN BRUSSELS TO BALANCE THE MILITARY CELEBRATION.

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10. UK PERMREP PECK SAID HE THOUGHT WE SHOULD DELAY SCHEDULING A SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING UNTIL AFTER WE KNEW WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS GOING TO MOSCOW. IT MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE THE MINISTERIAL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER THE MOSCOW

SUMMIT.

11. MENZIES SAID OTTAWA HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR A MINISTERIAL IN JUNE AND THERE WAS A NEED TO MAKE A DECISION SOON. PANSA SAID HIS INCLINATION WAS TO KEEP THE JUNE MEETING OPEN AS TO LOCATION AND TIME. WHEN MENZIES PRESSED, CITING THE SHORTAGE OF HOTEL SPACE IN JUNE, PANSA SAID WE COULD RETAIN FLEXIBILITY BY DECIDING ON BRUSSELS AS THE SITE AND KEEPING THE EXACT DATE OPEN. BUSCH FAVORED "SHOWING THE NATO FLAG" IN CONNECTION WITH THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN BRUSSELS. ERALP FAVORED THE IDEA AND SPECIFICALLY A LOCATION IN NORTH AMERICA TO EMPHASIZE ATLANTIC RELATIONS.

NATO CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS OF THE CENTO AREA

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12. THERE WAS A SHORT DISCUSSION OF AN UPCOMING LUNCHEON MEETING BETWEEN LUNS AND THE SYG OF CENTO AND PERMREPS OF CENTO COUNTRIES IN NATO (PLUS US). PECK QUOTED SECRETARY KISSINGER AS HAVING SAID AT A MARCH 11 LUNCHEON IN WASHINGTON WITH CENTO REPRESENTATIVES THAT NATO MIGHT CONSIDER SOME OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE CENTO AREA. PECK WONDERED IF THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY AT THE MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON ANY SUGGESTION BY THE SECRETARY THAT NATO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF CENTO AREA.
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